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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese patent document, together with an English-language abstract thereof, is attached.

Cited Japanese Patent Application No. 11-330444 was first cited in an Official Letter/Search Report issued by the Chinese Patent Office on June 24, 2005, in Chinese Patent Application No. 2004100036264, not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. The listed U.S. document corresponds to the listed Japanese patent document. The Official Letter/Search Report is also listed on the Form PTO-1449, and a copy is attached.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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